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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 3 LINE 8 "FEB 6." SHUD READ
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SUBJ: SEIZURE OF US TUNA VESSELS: CONFISCATION OF CATCH

1. VINCENT YULEE CALLED FROM SALINAS AT 1100 FEB. 7 TO REPORT
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH LUIS CHACON, GENERAL MANAGER OF EPNA
(EMPRESA PESCARA NACIONAL). CHACON, WHO HAD CALLED FROM OFFICE OF
SUBSECRETARY OF FISHERIES IN QUITO, STATED TENTATIVE PROPOSAL TO
OFF-LOAD CATCH OF FOUR US VESSELS CAPTURED AT THE RATE OF 240 TONS
A DAY (120 TONS IN SALINAS, 120 TONS IN MANTA). CHACON'S PLAN IS TO
DELIVER OFF-LOADED CATCH TO LOCAL CANNERIES, THUS AVOIDING
NECESSITY OF LOCATING STORAGE SPACE.

2. YULEE DOUBTS THAT NATIONAL CANNERIES HAVE CAPACITY FOR 240
TONS PER DAY. HE THINKS MORE REALISTIC ESTIMATE WOULD BE 60 TO 80
TONS A DAY. HE ALSO DOUBTS AVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENT CANS IN
LOCAL STOCKPILE TO IMMEDIATELY HANDLE ALL CATCH ABOARD CAPTURED
VESSELS.

3. CHACON TOLD YULEE THAT HE STUDYING PLAN WHEREBY BOAT OWNERS
WOULD BE OFFERED OPTION OF BUYING BACK CATCH IN LIEU OF PHYSICAL
CONFISCATION. UNDER THIS PLAN OWNERS WOULD BE OFFERED CATCH AT
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LOCAL MARKET PRICE PLUS 25 PERCENT (LOCAL MARKET PRICE FOR

YELLOW FIN ABOUT 280 DOLLARS US PER TON; 270 DOLLARS US PER TON FOR SKIPJACK). CHACON STATED THAT THERE GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT BUY-BACK OPTION WOULD BE OFFERED TO BOAT OWNERS BUT WOULD NOT KNOW WITH CERTAINTY UNTIL AFTERNOON OF FEB. 7.

4. IN ANOTHER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION LEVY CALLED FROM SALINAS TO REPORT THT CAPT. DAVID RICO, MASTER OF A. K. STROM, HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD CALLED MR. FELANDO AND TOLD HIM THAT BOAT CAPTAINS WERE CONSIDERING DESTROYING FISH ON BOARD. ACCORDING TO RICO, BOAT CAPTAINS WILL MEET AT ABOUT 1400 HOURS TO DISCUSS IDEA OF CATCH DESTRUCTION.

5. IN THIRD TELEPHONE CALL WE LEARNED FROM CHARLES SELLARS, ASSITANT MANAGER OF BANK OF AMERICA OFFICE IN GUAYAQUIL, THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR FINE PAYMENTS WITH MR. ARTHUR SOUSA, ZAPATA VICE PRESIDENT. SOUSA HAS REQUESTED THAT FUNDS BE TRANSFERRED IN HIS NAME AND HE WILL MAKE CERTIFIED CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF FINES. SOUSA WILL BE SENDING TELEX TO MR. JENNINGS, ZAPATA PRESIDENT, IN HOUSTON REQUESTING THIS METHOD OF FUND TRANSFER. SELLARS NOTED THAT IF AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED TODAY IT POSSIBLE HE COULD DELIVER MONEY TO SOUSA AFTERNOON FEB. 7. IF NO, SOUSA WILL BE UNABLE RECEIVE FUNDS UNTIL WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12, BECAUSE BANKS WILL BE CLOSED FEB. 10 AND 11 FOR LOCAL HOLIDAYS. DEWITT

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